

Saturday Gazette.

Bloomfield and Montclair, N. J.

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A FEW THOUGHTS ON POLITICAL MATTERS.

FEATURE OF THE GAZETTE.

The GAZETTE has hitherto been reserved on those great questions which form the basis of party platforms and which determine the policy of the great political parties that divide our countrymen. Not that we are without party affiliations, or fixed political principles, but we have assumed in general terms, an independent role, that may be free to canvas and discuss, untrammelled, the measures of all parties.

Our independence means independence. We are slaves to no conventional maxims or bigoted rules. While our adherence to the general policy of our own party is consistently maintained, and well-known, we mean to be just in our judgment; fearless and impartial in our condemnation of wrong and the support of the right.

EFFECTS OF TOO FREQUENT ELECTIONS.

It is to be regretted that the recurrence of our quadrennial presidential election keeps the country in almost a continuous state of political excitement. This is not merely to the direct question of candidacy for that high office at the next succeeding election—which is ever a current question, sometimes mooted many years before the election takes place—but side issues, bearing unmistakably, up on the following presidential election, arise also in almost every annual canvass for legislative and congressional representatives. This incessant political turmoil throughout the land, unsettles policies, deranges business, discourages the industries, and keeps society in a state of trepidation and uncertainty. Even our youth imbibe the vitalizing spirit, evincing, among their school-fellows, or at the apprentices nooning, their partisan bias and clamorous vociferating with "three cheers and a yea" for the party whose banner and motto best please their fancy, and for this, that or the other candidate whose soubriquet is most fantastic or sonorous.

THE DEMORALIZING TENDENCY.

Of the general political elections annually and quadrennially recurring in this country, not to be denied. Fraud, embezzlement, corruption, bribery, malfeasance, defalcation, always great, are notably on the increase. Virtue weakened seeks a market, integrity scarred and humbled, has its price, professed piety, dignified and deficient has developed many a Judas.

POLITICAL.—The great majority of the delegates to the Democratic Gubernatorial Convention from Essex County, are favorable to the nomination of Judge Bedell. The delegates from Bloomfield are C. T. Unsworth, Wm. Sleightback, and James M. Chalmers.

INFORMATION GRATIS.—One of the best places in Newark to get gentlemen's underwear and other furnishings is at W. A. MAUNDER, 493 Broad street, corner of Washington street, only two blocks from Morris and Essex Depot. Why? Because you will find a large stock, a great variety, an honest opinion of the articles, and you will be courteously served.

THE PEOPLE'S SAVINGS BANK, in Newark, is safely hoarding up money for its numerous depositors, adding thereto regularly *seven per cent interest*. However uncertain life insurance is in very many Companies may be, if you put money in the People's Savings Bank, *when you want it, it will be there for you*, with the interest added. This bank is so convenient to residents on the line of the Morris and Essex and Bloomfield Railroad that we render a service to them and a simple justice to this well-established institution by commanding its reliability. Its location is on Broad street directly opposite the Morris and Essex Depot.

HACKETTSTOWN SEMINARY DEDICATION. This Literary Institute, so long contemplated, and which has been in course of construction for several years past, being completed and ready for occupancy, was dedicated to important uses on the 9th. The edifice has been heretofore described in our columns. It is to be the chief educational institute of the Methodists in New Jersey for higher academical education. The site of the building is very eligible and commanding.

A finer day for the dedication could not have been chosen. A large attendance from every direction indicated the widespread interest felt in this new institution and in education in general.

The exercises commenced with singing the hymn beginning—

Before Jehovah's awful throne,

after which Rev. Dr. Hanlin of New Jersey conference offered the opening prayer of supplication and thanks.

An Anthem.

Ex-Mayor Ferry of Orange and President of the Board of Trustees, made the opening address, narrating the tribulations of the friends and patrons of this institution in its construction during a number of years.

He modestly referred to his own interest and efforts and cheerful sacrifices in the establishment of this institution.

Governor Parker was then introduced, and made an interesting address properly setting forth the merits and claims of New Jersey in comparison with other States around us. He commended this edifice as the best of the kind that he has ever visit

ed. He alluded to the agricultural interests and mineral resources of the State. Then he passed appropriately to the educational interests of the State, alluding to the status of the public school system, and schools themselves, in this State. The system is accredited as the best system in the Union. The Governor spoke of certain statistics which we have hitherto published largely in the GAZETTE. He passed a high encomium upon the State Normal School, etc.

He then spoke of the higher institution learning in this State, of Princeton College, etc., and commended the more recent zeal and successes of the Methodists here, in this direction, and alluded to the mature education of the founders of Methodism as imposing special obligations upon this denomination to seek high literary and educational culture. He closed with compliments and congratulations upon this institution, its location and its capabilities, invoking blessings upon it.

Music by the Band.

David Campbell of Newark then addressed the audience on the future influence of education upon the character of our free institutions and of the importance such institutions as this are to act in such direction.

Rev. Dr. Sims of Newark was then introduced, to take the place of Bishop Jones, who, on account of sickness, could not be present. He made an eloquent address, alluding to the origin of Methodism, enumerating the eminent ancestry associated with its founders. Referring to this institution and the cause of education, he was most eloquent in his scathing rebuke of Huxley and Tyndall, and in showing how nature and science and Bible and religion maintain a perfect harmony, establishing at all times and under all circumstances the existence and presence and potency of the infinite God of the Bible, the Creator, eternal, self-existent, etc. The God of Science and Religion are one.

The day pupils are few and select, and the boarding scholars are not allowed to exceed thirty in number. The school year opens on the 17th. inst. We understand that a few vacancies exist. The terms are reasonable and the opportunity may be considered a rare one.

We are happy also to say a good strong word for Rev. Mr. Rodman's school for young ladies at Montclair. On the testimony of Montclair citizens in whom we have confidence, we should feel at liberty to commend its management and course of instruction to those living near enough to avail themselves of it.

We cheerfully give place to a creditable testimonial to the Proprietor of this School which has been handed to us for publication, unknown to Mr. Rodman.

Another meeting was to be held in the afternoon and a collection was to be taken for liquidation of the small remaining indebtedness.

The occasion was of very great interest and pleasure to Jerseymen, to patriots, to Christians, and to us. The trip on the Morris and Essex Railroad was delightful. The fifty miles ride from Newark through a beautiful country and many thriving villages was a constant exhilaration and refreshment. Dry as the weather has been and parched as the earth is, we had no dust on that line the whole trip, which may be chiefly placed to the credit of the solidity of that railroad and its good management.

PAX.—Those who read our paper and have not yet paid us their subscription will please allow us to say—no, to think, how it would encourage and help us to receive at once the numerous little sums due.

New subcriber—gladly received.

HOME MATTERS.

BLOOMFIELD.

WEATHER CHRONICLE.

Range of Thermometer at Bloomfield Centre
Sep. 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
At 6 A.M. 61° 57° 60° 66° 61° 34° 60°
At Noon 88° 63° 73° 78° 79° 81° 76°
At 9 P.M. 76° 59° 67° 68° 66° 64° 62°

LIST OF LETTERS

REMAINING UNCLAIMED at the Post Office in Bloomfield, N. J., Sep. 9, 1874.

Arnold Andrew R. Mehan, Michael
Boch Albert. Murphy, John.
Brine Wm O. Mundy, T.
Bross, Konrad. Mike's, Mary L.
Conrad, William R. Morrison, John.
Dowd, William H. Peckham, Fk L.
Dutton, William H. Reis, C. presd.
Farral, P. J. Shuster, J. son L.
Healy, Liz. Shuster, James.
Keay, John H. St. John, G.
Loeb, Mary. Weinstock, Frank.
Loeb, Ann E. Wakley, E.

Any person calling for the above letters will please say "Advertised." B. DODD, P. M.

TOWN COUNCIL—BLOOMFIELD.

Met according to adjournment on 4th inst. All the members present.

Application was presented by the owners of property on Orange street, for a plank sidewalk, on the West side, from Bloomfield Avenue to Watcassing Depot. Referred to a sub committee, John Sherman, Chairman.

A memorial, numerously signed, from citizens in the "Lamp District," North of Midland Railroad and East of the Canal, praying to be relieved from the tax for street lamps, was referred to the Council of the Board for his opinion as to the powers of the Committee to grant said petition. He is expected to report at next meeting.

The unfinished business of the new gas contract being called up, Councilman Richards moved that the Town Committee enter into contract with the Gas Company on the terms of their late proposal. This was promptly concurred in by the favoring votes of Messrs. Potter, Reed, Richards and Sherman; and opposed by the negative votes of Oakes and Van-Houten—2, Mr. Beach not voting.

A cross-walk ordered to be laid on Belleville Avenue from East corner of Elm street.

Bloomfield has had another burglary. As in former cases of plundering this vicinity, the thieves went for provisions. They broke into Wesley B. Corby's barn, corner of Washington and Thomas streets, and stole potatoes, feed and oats.

Rev. Dr. Butterfield, will occupy the pulpit of this church, next Sunday.

NO "BACKWARD PROGRESS"

It will be seen that our Town Council in their final action upon the Gas light question have shown that discretion which is the better part of valor. Only two votes were recorded against the contract and they were those of Oakes and Van-Houten. We congratulate our fellow citizens (not that a victory has been achieved, but) that our town has escaped a stigma and a misfortune that it would not have recovered from in a long time. We are justified in claiming that we saw this danger and labored to avert it. We are happy to say it is averted. If we were at liberty to quote from a letter by a gentleman of rare intelligence, long experience and shrewd observation, written upon this very question of continuing gas light in Bloomfield, we are sure, his strong expression of chagrin and indignation that men capable of such conduct should have been placed in our town committee, would bring a blush to the cheeks of those Councilmen who mediated our disgrace. The legal council should not be forgotten.

MONTCLAIR.

TOWN COUNCIL—MONTCLAIR.

Regular meeting, Sept. 9.

All members present. Bills of Overseer of Poor for support of all Poor, both inside and outside of Poor House, for the last month were presented, audited and ordered paid.

Bills of Jas. Carson for work done on roads, ordered paid. Communication received from parties on Turnpike, complaining of sewer from Hotel nuisance, ordered the same to be abated.

Clerk directed to call the attention of Freeholders to unsafe condition of a certain county bridge on Mountain Avenue, Means provided for payment of contractor in Fullerton Avenue, extension.

The Kindergarten in Montclair will open Monday, Sept. 14th, in Pilsbury Hall, Fullerton Avenue. There will be an advanced class in reading and writing.

REV. DR. CATTELL, President of Lafayette College, E. ston, Pa., will occupy the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church, Montclair, morning and evening, on Sunday next, September 14th. The Doctor is one of the live men of the age, both in the pulpit and out of it. During the past few years he has accomplished wonders for the advancement of the educational interests of his State, and the upholding of the institution over which he presides.

The Martha Washington Tea Party, on Wednesday evening, was the success of the season. Jacob Hall was crammed with people enjoying the entertainment. The Hall was prettily decorated with flags, green and mottos, and thirteen tables provided over by the fair sex representing the original 13 States.

Mr. and Mrs. Washington, dressed in costume, received the guests and played the part of host and hostess to perfection. The bill of fare was superb, everything in the line of eatables and at moderate prices.

During the evening a concert was attempted, but owing to the noise it had to be abandoned. Much credit is due to the manager for the success of the entertainment.

RICHARD GARVEY dropped dead in his saloon on Bloomfield Avenue, Montclair, on Friday last. Deceased had been sitting on his back stoop and complaining of being cold arose to go into the house, when, as he got inside the door, dropped upon the floor and expired in a few minutes. Deceased was proprietor of the liquor saloon on Bloomfield Avenue below the Methodist Church. He is the last of thirteen sons, all of whom have died suddenly.

REV. TITUS JOSLYN has been succeeded as pastor of the Roman Catholic church, in Montclair, by Rev. Mr. Steets of Newark.

MISS MARVIN of Orange, is one of the new teachers in the Montclair Public School.

MONTCLAIR, Sept. 7th, 1874.

REV. D. S. RODMAN:

DEAR SIR:—As parents of some of your pupils, we wish to publicly express our sense of the benefit they have received from your instruction, and warmly recommend your school to the community. We highly appreciate the thoroughness of your teaching, and the thoughtful and intelligent habits which it develops. Your success in arousing the minds of your scholars to independent action and a love of knowledge for its own sake, without the motive of external rewards or rivalry, has given us great satisfaction.

We have the fullest confidence in your method of instruction, and wish that by greater publicity in the future, more of our people here and elsewhere, might avail themselves of the privilege of placing their children under your care.

Cordially yours,

H. A. DIKE, ROBERT M. BOYD,

E. S. PINNEY, CHARLES K. WILMER,

T. H. BOURDEN, EDWARD SWEET,

C. H. JOHNSON, A. M. CLEARY,

O. A. VAN LENNEP, FRANK S. HALL,

SAM'L HOLMES, J. B. BEADLE,

J. CALVIN SLEAFER, W. H. VAN STICK.

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BELLEVILLE SQUIBS.

Belleview is advancing backward very fast. All projects for improvements which were in a forward state during the existence of the commission are now completely paralyzed.

The paving of Washington Avenue by County Road board will be a grand addition to the attractions of the town. What a pity this board or some other equally effective one had not charge of all the neglected streets in the deserted village. It has not been decided yet what they will pave the 25 foot side walk with.

The majority of the residents of Montgomery are very anxious to annex to Bloomfield, cannot Bloomfield give them some assistance in this matter. The opinion is prevalent in this locality that Belleville is played out. With all her natural advantages the town is a long ways behind her go ahead neighbors.

It is reported that the 18th. of Sept. is the day appointed to take into consideration the legality of the charter procured at the last term of the *Careless* legislature.

The regular running of trains on the Montclair R. R. is a matter of great satisfaction to the residents of Belleville and offer prayer.

Mr. M. W. Dodd was urged to make some remarks, which he kindly consented to do. Though short, he spoke much to the purpose.

The orphan children behaved well through all the exercises.

The secretary read a very interesting re-

SPECIAL.—Miss Louisa W. Wood begins her classes again on Monday, the 21st inst.

We understand there are a few vacancies which we don't doubt will soon be filled, as we are sure it should be esteemed a privilege to have a place in her limited and very select class. Application should be made promptly.

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WOOLSBY. The gentlemanly courtesy of the officials upon this road is remarked.

The discussion of the Beecher Tilton controversy has been lively here as elsewhere. The majority of the people think Mr. Beecher entirely innocent of the charges preferred against him.

Candidates for county offices are already drumming for the campaign—"Have a drink Boys. I'm a good fellow. Was all through the war you know, am a good Catholic or Protestant mason or odd fellow or anything else to suit you," only give us your votes and I will reform the department in which you may place me and discharge all the Scalawags that are robbing the people" [and pocket all the funds myself.]

The first number of a new weekly called the Belleville *Press* and Franklin *Recorder* made its appearance on Saturday last. It presents a very creditable appearance and is as large as the N. Y. *Herald*, and contains no patent inside. Politics Democratic. Newark news a main feature. It will probably exist in Belleville about four to six weeks, as this town is not a good hunting ground for newspapers.

It is also reported that the *Record* and *Advertiser* is to be resurrected! *Nous Verrons*

There are splendid building sites for sale in Montgomery, the only reason they are not sold is because the owners do not know what they are worth and while they are considering, the purchaser goes elsewhere and erects his building. Some of these land owners had better have our engineering friend Hughes, map out their tracts of land so that proposed streets may be indicated. Hughes has made a specialty of this kind of work and knows just how it should be done.

It is expected there will be lively times at the next term of the Legislature, and that Belleville affairs will be finally settled look out for equals about that time. There are many that think Belleville will be annexed to Newark at an early date, perhaps all things considered this would be for the best as the fact is patent the town is incapable of self government. Its many projects for improvements, which have all fallen through from want of that foresight which others have found necessary, has to a great extent disgusted the majority of the respectable portion of the community; and many that would have opposed such a movement heretofore will now embrace it with avidity, believing that anything that promises relief is better than the uncertain condition of affairs which now exists in the little, forlorn, would-be city.

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